



BETH ISRAEL HOSPITAL *Record*

212 YEARS OF SERVICE

In an impressive ceremony at the Annual Meeting of the Beth Israel Hospital Association, nine employees of the hospital, each one with more than 20 years of continuous service, were awarded service pins. Mr. S. Robert Stone, President of the Board of Trustees, presented the awards and cited each employee present as follows:

"Dr. Charles F. Wilinsky: Beloved Administrator since March, 1928 — 24 years. His keen intellect and sound judgment, together with his wide acquaintance and association with leading men and institutions in the hospital and health fields establishes him as one of the great hospital administrators of our time.

"Miss Gertrude Goldstein: The 'keeper of the books.' . . . The fact that we have such an excellent record system and medical library is due in great measure to her devotion and her untiring efforts.

"Bolek 'Bill' Janek: Beth Israel's famous chef — known to all of us for his culinary skill. He has a way of making the ordinary hospital fare taste fit for a king. His history at B.I. is one of loyalty and devotion ever since he first came to the hospital in 1929 as a counter man.

"Mrs. Marion Buchanan: Our night telephone operator at Beth Israel. Her face may not be familiar to some, but her voice and pleasant way of handling the many important calls that come to the hospital during the evening hours are well known to the many, many people who call the hospital at night.

"Vincent Godlesky: Our well-loved purchasing agent, who makes every hospital dollar do the work of two. He is responsible for the purchasing, storage and distribution of the hundreds of items used in the hospital, from alphabet soup to x-ray film."

Four other employees with over twenty years' service were unable to come to the meeting to receive their pins, but were awarded them in absentia. Those absent: Miss Ethyl Adams, Nursing Department; Miss Natalie Nathan, Admitting Office; Dr. Herrman Blumgart, Physician in Chief; Dr. Monroe Schlesinger, Pathology Department.

MT. SINAI DISPENSARY - 1910



Recently, Dr. Melvin Sturnick of our staff gave the hospital this interesting photograph of the staff at the old Mt. Sinai Dispensary on Staniford Street in the West End. This picture is particularly interesting as it includes such well-known physicians as Dr. Marsena Smithwick, Dr. Albert Ehrenfried, Dr. Nathan Levins, Dr. Abraham Myerson and Dr. Max Sturnick. This small staff of physicians, nurses and volunteers contrasts vividly with our present medical staff of nearly 500 doctors.

The history of this early group, working under great difficulties, is a story of great accomplishment. Some excerpts from a book entitled "The Early Days of Beth Israel Hospital" by Herman Dana,

explain the work of this dispensary:

"There had been the Mt. Sinai Hospital on Staniford Street in the West End, opened to the public on August 4, 1902, and which had flourished for fifteen years. Designed as a hospital, for lack of support it carried on as an out-patient department and as a teaching obstetrical clinic. Although as such it rendered valuable service to the community (in 1913, for example, over 24,000 clinic visits were reported and more than 339 deliveries in the home, all at a net cost to the community of less than \$7,000) there was little general interest in its maintenance, for an out-patient dispensary stirred no particular response in the emotions of the public.

PERSONALITIES . . .

**ALFRED De LOID**

Known to all of us for his patience and friendliness, Al has indeed become an important member of the B. I. family. Our parking and traffic problems have been held to a minimum due to Al's efforts.

A glance at Al in his uniform and a word or two of his booming brogue is enough to convince anyone that he has years of experience behind him on the Boston Police force. From 1925 to 1946, he served as a patrolman in the Back Bay area. For 15 years at the corner of Westland Avenue and Massachusetts Avenue, and later at Symphony Hall, he was well known to this part of Boston, and many of our own staff before he first joined us as a night watchman in October, 1950.

What many of us do not know is that Al is quite a fresh water fisherman and well acquainted with the best spots for angling all over New England. Just a word about the fishing season and he has many stories to tell of his experiences. He says he never comes home without his legal limit!

The Beth Israel RECORD passes on to Al DeLoid a vote of thanks for his kind, helping hand and word of cheer to the many doctors, nurses and patients coming to our hospital.

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THE RECORD SHOWS

Engagements

Verna Goldman, Purchasing Office, to Mr. Gerald Cooper of New York City. Mr. Cooper will receive his doctorate in electrical engineering from M.I.T. this June.

Delores Spiro, Social Service, to Dr. Herbert Selenkow, Assistant Resident in Medicine. A summer wedding is planned. Following a honeymoon trip to Europe, they plan to settle in Baltimore, Maryland.

Jean Daignault, dietetic intern, to Mr. Walter Whenman. Wedding plans are set for September.

Alayne Moore, dietetic intern, to Mr. Charles Retherford.

Weddings

Miss Dorothy Friedman, Assistant Head Dietitian, to Mr. Leslie Mascoop, at the Hampton Court Hotel on February 3rd.

Dr. Mary Silverman to Dr. Herbert Ravin, Surgical Research, February 17th in Providence, R. I.

Mr. Sam Ruth, Administrative Resident, and Miss Nancy Dine, former secretary to Mrs. Dana, surprised their friends by slipping off to New York and being married April 20th. When Sam finishes his residency in June, they will settle in Baltimore, Maryland.

Births

To Dr. Leona Norman, Medical Research Department, a girl on February 24th.

To Dr. and Mrs. Burton Bronsther, a boy and a girl, yes, and you can imagine the excitement with twins.

Miss Adrienne Ricles, dietitian, has set her wedding date for June. She will marry Irving Safier on June 16th at the Beacon House. The only sad note, for us, is that she will be living in California.

Our Social Service Director, Mrs. Bess Dana, recently returned from the sun and palms of Jamaica and Haiti. It's good to have her back again with her wonderful sun tan and stories about her terrific experiences.

We are very happy to welcome Miss Lucie Benedikt to our professional staff as of March 1st. Miss Benedikt, a medical social worker comes to us from Presbyterian Hospital in New York. We know that she will enjoy being at Beth Israel.

If you ask Mrs. June Malone, our executive housekeeper for a key these days, better specify which one. As retiring president of the National Executive Housekeepers Association, she received a surprise present of the key to the city of Cleveland while attending meetings there. Congratulations!

PSYCHIATRY DEPARTMENT

Recently the Department of Psychiatry sponsored a lecture by Mrs. A. Petrie from the Institute of Psychiatry, Moundsley Hospital, London. The lecture was entitled "Effect of Different Types of Frontal Lobe Operations on Personality of Neurotics." Mrs. Petrie was here on her last two days of a Fulbright Lecture-ship at the University of Pennsylvania. Her book on "Personality and the Frontal Lobes" is in the process of being published. During World War II she was a member of the Rockefeller team on Personality at Millvill Hospital.

We have been occupied in setting up with the Medical and Surgical Departments psychiatric teaching for the second year Harvard students during their course in physical diagnosis. This represents a new aspect of teaching medical psychiatry that promises to be fruitful. The teaching that has already been accomplished has been aided by the high degree of cooperation between the Medical and Surgical Services and Psychiatry.

Group therapy has been expanded and in the current period three specific groups have been set up in connection with the department's research interest. A group of patients from the Prenatal Clinic (Dr. Leo Berman) represents one aspect of the Department's study of preventive psychiatry. Problems of old age and retirement (Dr. William Gray) and of obesity (Dr. Stanley Kanter) are being studied in separate groups.

**OB SERVICE COMPLETES
SECOND YEAR**

On March 1, 1952, the Obstetrical Service rounded the corner of its second year of operation. During this past year 1977 women were delivered of 2006 babies. Since the opening of our unit until April 1, 1952, 3738 women have been delivered. The maternal mortality has been 0 and the neonatal death rate 1.7%. This compares most favorably with the lowest figures throughout the country. The smooth running of the service has been due to the excellent cooperation between the administration, the nursing staff and the resident and visiting staffs.

SUGGESTIONS WANTED!

For the convenience of all the hospital employees, a suggestion box has been placed near the hospital entrance. You may help to give the administration of the hospital practical suggestions for more economical operation and ways to give our patients even better service. A prize of \$5.00 will be awarded each month for the best suggestion received as judged by a joint committee of employees and of the administration.

Just a few minutes of thought may earn you some easy money! Start now!

NURSING NEWS

Twenty-four student nurses of the September class were capped by their counselors during a touching ceremony held in the Sherman Auditorium on March 4th. The Alice L. Lake award, given by the Alumnae Association to the student receiving highest marks during her pre-clinical period, was given this year to Susan Frye of Oak Bluffs, Massachusetts.

We extend a very sincere and warm welcome to the new Nurses' Aide group who received their training at Beth Israel under the direction of the Red Cross. Much credit for the origination and recruiting work should be given to the Women's Auxiliary. The Red Cross Aides perform many important and helpful functions on the patient floors of the hospital. They are indeed welcomed by our personnel and patients.

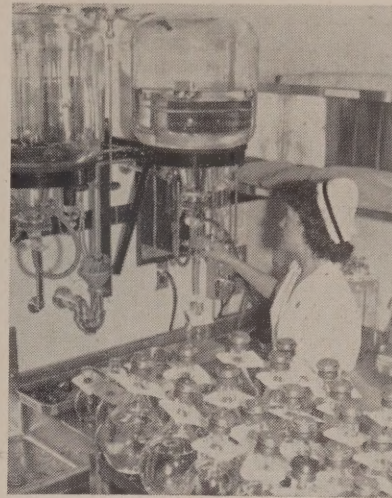
Recently an all-day institute under the auspices of the Beth Israel Hospital Nurses Alumnae Association was held as a "refresher" for all members. The morning was spent with the theoretical admission of a patient through the Out Patient Department to the hospital wards and then, on discharge, the patient's referral back to the clinic for follow-up care and treatment. In this way, the group was able to observe the progress that has been made in all departments recently. The afternoon session was held in the Assembly Room in the Nurses' Residence and consisted of a symposium on the Team Plan. Mrs. Pearl Kaufman, the chairman, and the members of her committee, as well as the nurses who took part in the teaching deserve great credit.

Great interest has been expressed in the recently adopted "Team Plan" now in operation on the sixth and eighth floors of the North Building. This plan, in effect, divides up a large floor into a group of small units, each with its own complement of graduates, students, aides and orderlies. The patients seem to like having the same nursing personnel caring for them all the time and the nurses and ancillary help like the plan too.

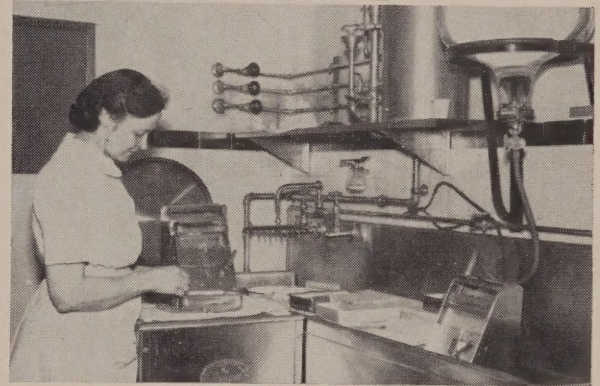
The Massachusetts State Nurses' Association recently sponsored an institute on the Team Plan in the Assembly Room of our nurses' residence. A series of all day meetings were held on five successive Mondays. These meetings were attended by two members of our nursing staff through the assistance of the Alumnae Association.

Many new engagement rings are in evidence and approaching weddings are the topic of conversation. As usual, many of our Alumnae and former nursing personnel have been patients on our Obstetrical Service and they are enthusiastic about the care they received.

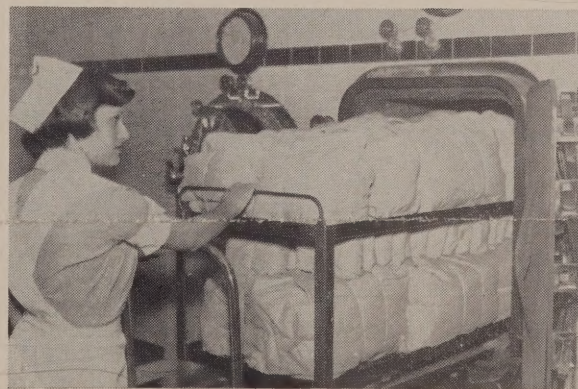
CENTRAL SUPPLY



Miss Irene Tess, R.N., makes over 4,000 flasks of solutions per month.

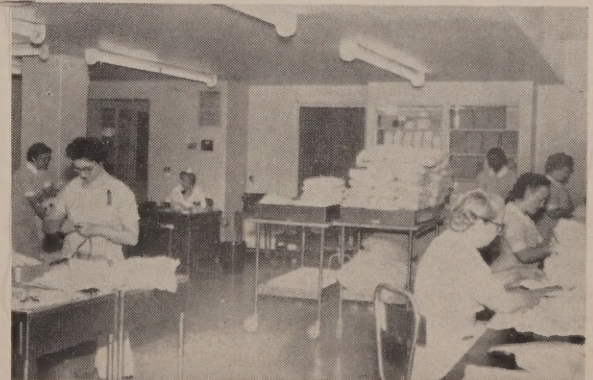


Mrs. Erna Falkulas washes and rinses more than 15,000 needles every month with our new equipment.



Every student nurse, as part of her training, spends one week in our Central Supply Room. Miss Eleanor Bloom, Class of 1954, is shown autoclaving operating room kits.

I.V. sets, special instrument sets, syringes, gloves, and needles are processed, assembled and autoclaved in this air-conditioned room for our operating room, delivery room and floors. In the background, Mrs. Helen Jeffrey, nurse in charge of Central Supply.



CONTRIBUTIONS — BOTH LARGE AND SMALL

Beth Israel Hospital is fortunate indeed to have the community backing and goodwill that it has. Each year many, many gifts are made — some large, some small, but every one welcomed and appreciated by the hospital. We present the following as an example of this fine spirit and generosity even among the youngest members of the community.

On April 27th, a play was presented by nine youngsters from Brookline, ranging in age from 4 to 12 years. The proceeds from the play — \$2.00 in all, were donated by the children "for the sick people of the Beth Israel Hospital." This is but one of the many demonstrations of generosity evidenced daily at the Beth Israel.

The BETH ISRAEL RECORD extends thanks to the following young benefactors: Cori Altman, Susan Cooper, Wendy Karp, Gary Margolis, Alan Poretsky, Diane Poretsky, Sandra Poretsky, Paula Veiner and Stephen Veiner.

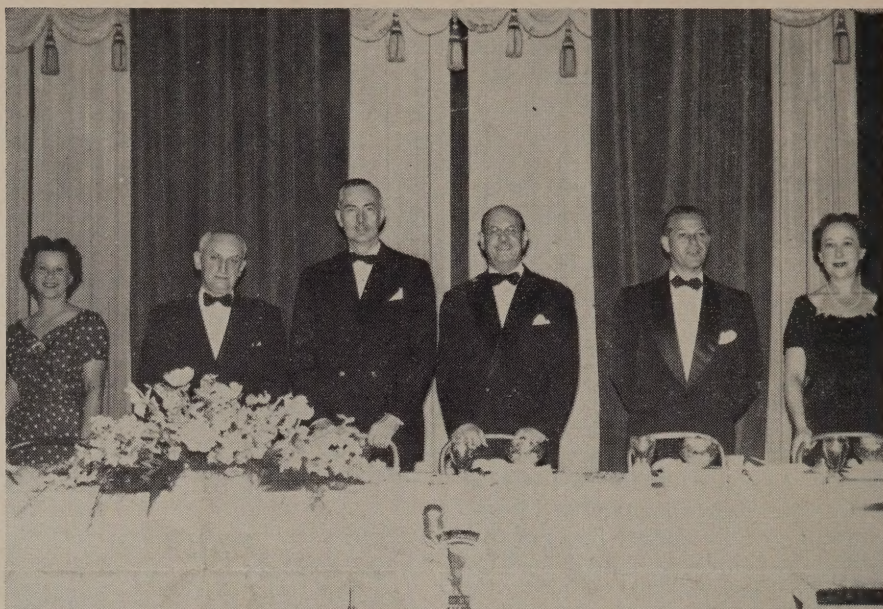
MUSIC THERAPY COMES TO B. I.

Mrs. Leslie Pike, head of the Patients' Library Group under the direction of the Women's Auxiliary, announces a new service for our patients, both ward and private. A record player, equipped for either earphone or loudspeaker, has been purchased and has been in operation in recent weeks. Under the guidance of volunteers with special music training, this service has been very popular — so popular in fact that the ward patients all want to hear the music.

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY LUNCHEON

The highly successful 26th Annual Luncheon of the Beth Israel Hospital Women's Auxiliary was held on April 22nd, 23rd and 24th at the Hotel Bradford. Great credit must be given to Mrs. Samuel Langer, Chairman of the luncheon and her many willing assistants, for the excellent way in which the whole luncheon was carried out. An attendance of nearly 3,000 women assured the great success of the event. The cast of the production, which included 60 fine performers, was an unusually good one. The musical revue entitled "At Your Service" was composed and directed by Lee Daniels, with Herbie Sulkin's orchestra providing the music. One of the high points of the show was a repeat performance, due to the many requests, of last year's "Bless the Candles."

The annual report of the Beth Israel Women's Auxiliary and the achievements made during the year as recounted by the President, Mrs. Sidney R. Rabb, were enthusiastically approved by the many women present. The luncheon, the revue and the affair as a whole can be best described as a complete success.



Left to right: Mrs. S. Robert Stone; Dr. Charles Wilinsky, Executive Director, Beth Israel Hospital; Dr. Leonard Carmichael, President, Tufts College; Mr. Sidney Rabb, 1st Vice-Pres., Beth Israel Hospital; Mr. S. Robert Stone, Pres., Beth Israel Hospital; Mrs. Sidney Rabb, Pres., Beth Israel Hospital Women's Auxiliary.

ANNUAL DINNER

The Annual Dinner Meeting of the Beth Israel Hospital Association was held on Sunday, April 20th, in the main ballroom of the Hotel Somerset. This year's meeting, under the chairmanship of Mr. Sidney Rabb, was a great success. The guest speaker, Dr. Leonard Carmichael, President of Tufts College, spoke of the hospital and its relationship and importance to the community. The Men's Volunteer Corps were the special guests of the evening, and Mr. S. Robert Stone paid fitting tribute to them for their many hours of volunteer service. Also of special interest this year was the presentation of service pins to employees with over twenty years at the hospital. Those presented with pins: Dr. Charles Wilinsky, Executive Director; Bolek Janek, Dietary Department; Gertrude Goldstein, Medical Librarian; Vincent Godlesky, Purchasing Agent and Marion Buchanan, Switchboard. Others with more than 20 years' service but not at the meeting included Dr. Herrman Blumgart, physician-in-chief; Dr. Monroe Schlesinger, Pathology; Natalie Nathan, Admitting Office and Ethyl Adams, Nursing.

"AT YOUR SERVICE"



"Goldilocks and The Three Bears" as presented in "At Your Service." Left to right: Misses Rona Black, Adrienne Ricles and Mrs. Irving Groper, Goldilocks, Mrs. Howard Blazer.